cleared by CEA and but for funds constraints and environmental concerns, further exploitation of the potential is possible.

Payment Guaranteed Scheme Electricity Supply to State Electricity Boards

139. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a payment guaranteed scheme for electricity provided to State Electricity Board by independent generating companies in specific projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Govt. have formulated a scheme of extending counterguarantee to back-up state govt's guarantee for SEB's payment obligations for the power purchased from the private generating company on the specific request of the state govt. concerned.

(b) The main conditions are:

(i) the state govt. has guaranteed the payment obligations of the SEB to the private generating company and has specifically requested GOI for extending a counter guarantee.

(ii) Further SEB has to open letter of credit/escrow account to which its revenues will be credited to maintain a balance equivalent to one month's billing of the private generating company.

(iii) SEB has to sign an Operational & Financial Action Plan (OFAP) with Power Finance Corporation (PFC).

(iv) The state govt. has to agree that any amount that GOI may have to pay on account of the counter guarantee will be debited by GOI to its account maintained with the RBI.

Electrification of Villages

140. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the number of villages electrified in each state with the assistance of the Rural Electrification Corporation by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, Year-wise and the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): The year-wise details of villages electrified in each State with the assistance of Rural Electrification Corporation by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan are given in Annexure I. [*See* Appendix 170, annexure no. 3]

State wise and yearwise details of loan assistance disbursed by the Corporation for rural electrification programme, including village electrification, are given in Annexure II. [*See* Appendix 170, annexure no. 4]

Closure of Bermo Coal Mines of Damodar Valley Corporation

141. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bermo Coal Mines owned by Damodar Valley Corporation are lying closed, if so, since when;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to open the mines;

(c) if so, the details thereof, indicating the time by which they are likely to be opened and the estimated amount to be spent;

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government have received any memorandum in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) never implemented its decision to close

down its Bermo coal mines. The DVC has since decided in favour of their continued operation.

Loans by Power Finance Corporation to SEB's

142. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has sanctioned loans for various power projects of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) with a view to help them to utilise the financial assistance given to the Corporation by the World Bank and The Asian Development Bank for improving the efficiency of power systems in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of assistance sanctioned to each of the S.E.Bs so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank and ADB have given the following loans to Power Finance Corporation (PFC) through the Government of India for financing the sub-projects of selected State Electricity Boards (SEBs), with a view to improve the efficiency of Power Sector:

Name of the Bank	Amount (in US$)
World Bank	265 Million
ADB	250 Million

The objectives of the loans are given in statement (*See* below).

(c) Till 31.1.94, the amount of assistance sanctioned to each of the SEBs by the PFC is as under:—

World Bank Loan (Amount in Rs. crores)

Andhra Pradesh S.E.B.	— 157.38
Madhya Pradesh S.E.B.	— 209.70
Gujarat Electricity Board	— 213.80
Rajasthan S.E.B.	— 0.02
	580.90

Asian Development Bank Loan

Karnataka S.E.B.	— 216.00
Orissa S.E.B.	— 128.40
Maharashtra S.E.B.	— 145.40
Tamil Nadu S.E.B.	— 18.40
	508.00

Statement

The objectives of the World Bank and ADB Loan for improving the efficiency of Power Systems in the country

World Bank Loan for Power Utilities Efficiency Improvement Project

The loan became effective on 18.3.92.

The loan is to be utilised for the following main objects:

1. Upgrading of transmission and distribution systems;
2. Environmental upgrading of Power Plants;
3. System Renovation; and
4. Institutional Strengthening of power utilities and PFC.
5. Pre-investment Operation: The objectives of Pre-investment Fund are Financing for preparation of pre-feasibility reports, feasibilities studies, detailed engineering for power schemes; Preparation of studies of Institutional nature and those necessary to improve the managerial, financial or operational efficiency of power sector or power utilities;